Brigham Young's Views about Theatres. [From the Deseret News, January 11.]

I recognize in the theatre an institution that, under judicious guidance, can be used with very happy effects for the benefit of the people. With the light which has been revealed unto us, as Latter day Saints, respect ing the will of God concerning man, and also respecting man's own organization and nature, we cannot blindly shur our eyes and pass these things by as matters of no import ance. With us the theatre should be kept as pure, and as completely free from everything that could defile it, as our home sanctuaries. No impropriety of language or gesture, nothing wicked or that would be likely to lead to wickedness should ever be permitted there or countenanced in the least; but the actors should be pure in heart, men and women who in all their representations, would use proper language; all such expressions as "I swear, or "By Heavens", and the name of the Deity and every other sacred word, should be care tully omitted in plays, and other words be substituted in their stead. The distortion of the muscles of the face and body, and everything that would not produce pleasurable emotions in the mind of the audience should also be studiously avoided upon the stage. Such unnatural contortions, and ranting and raying, are painful to witness, and are not true to nature, and afford no correct idea of the characters represented; for it is not to be supposed for a moment that persons in real life would do such exaggerations of everything human. We cannot descend to the level of the wicked world, and copy after their fashions, and escape sin. When our actors perform in that spirit which they should ever have, their performances will always be pleasing and interesting to true Latter-day Saints, and their acting will be attractive to every well disposed man and woman of correct taste.

MELANCHOLY OF QUEEN VICTORIA. - A London correspondent of the New York Tribune furnishes the following statement as to the mental condition of Queen Victoria:

The Queen will not open Parliament in person, though she has been earnestly entreated to do so by her ministers, who would fain gratify the community by withdrawing her from seclusion and begin the session as brilliantly as possible. She is more than ever everse to society or publicity, and nobody seems to possess influence enough with her to overcome what appears to be a confirmed case of monomania. People who should know, folks who have access to the palace, or are intimate with such, tell curious stories about her. I heard very recently that she had the arm of the late Prince Consort modeled in wax and clothed, and would pass hours, sitting with it drawn through hers, absorbed in melancholy reflection, recalling the past.

The Duchess of Marlborough, daughter to the great Duke and "Queen Sarah," had such an admiration of Congreve that, when he died she had an ivory flaure made to imitate him; also, a large wax doll, with gouty feet, to be dressed just as the dramatist's gouty feet were dressed in his life time. "A glass was mut in the hand of the statue, which was supposed to bow to her Grace, and to nod in approbation of what she said to it!" The Queen's may be a parallel instance, only less extravagant. Six months ago, too, I was informed on authority that put the matter beyond a doubt, that the apartments of the deceased Prince were kept in precisely the same order as that observed in his life time, his slippers and dressing gown regularly aired, his clothes, boots and toilet apparatus placed as though he might come back at any moment to claim them. All of which, I confess, seems to me extremely sad and piteous.

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